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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Nguyen, Lam S.
TETSUYA SAITO ET AL.	)	
	:	Art Unit: 2853
Application No.: 10/559,705	)	
	:	Confirmation No. 1862
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Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respond to the election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action dated September 5, 2007.

In the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that the subject application contains two patentably distinct species and requires that one species be elected. In order to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.143, Applicant provisionally elects Species I. Claims 1-7 and 11-16 are believed to be readable thereon.

Favorable consideration is requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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